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A bill has been introduced in the Tennessee legislature to prevent child insurance.

A bill has passed Congress authorizing the establishing of a soldier's home at Johnson City, Tenn.

The Knoxville Sentinel says from a financial standpoint it is evident that Mr. Bryan made no mistake in his venture into journalism.

The British government has decided to send large reinforcements to South Africa. Five thousand young volunteers will be enlisted.

Says the Louisville Courier-Journal:

A girl in a recent book longs for the hundred arms of Briareus that she may hug her lover. But what would become of the poor fellow after marriage, with a hundred-handed spouse to go through his pockets?

The Rev. F. D. Gamewell, Methodist missionary, who did valuable services during the siege of the legations in Peking and who is now in this country, has made a remarkable discovery, which is likely to be a subject of discussion. Baron Ketteler, the German minister, was murdered on the 20th of June in Peking. The announcement of his death appeared in a New York newspaper on the 17th of June, telegraphed from Peking under date of June 16, four days before the assassination. Thus far there is no explanation, although Mr. Gamewell insists he is sure of his date.

A FEWY situation at Tutuila, Samoa, is reported by Commander Tilley, who is in charge there. It seems that the London Mission Society, which controls the religious work of the islands, compels the natives to attend Sunday School once and church three times on Sunday and also prayer meeting on Wednesday. It also forbids all amusements on Sunday and requires the natives to spend the time out of church in works of meditation and prayer. Recently, the natives awoke to the fact that the American sailors were subject to no such rules and they accordingly petitioned Commander Tilley to "repeal the fourth commandment." Tilley dodged the question by stating that he had nothing to do with religion.

Some racy depositions were taken in the contested election case here this week. The clever sallies of counsel employed and their repartees during the examinations of some of the witnesses was thoroughly enjoyed by those present of both parties. A number of people afterwards sought out the notary and read the depositions. General Walker was represented by H. Peyton Gray, Esq., and Judge Rhea by J. O. Wyner, Esq., both of Palaski. The incident serves as a forensic corroboration of the truth of the proverb, "When Greek joins Greek then comes the tug of war." The further taking of depositions was adjourned until Monday, January 28th, but the impression is that no additional testimony will be called for.—Palaski News-Review.

While the law strictly forbids the mutilation of gold or silver coins of the United States by private persons, there is no restriction on melting them down, and large amounts are undoubtedly melted by jewelers. The object of the law prohibiting mutilation is to protect innocent holders. It coins have been defaced or mutilated to such an extent that the Government will not redeem them the law is considered as having been violated. Jewelers, engravers and other businesses have been warned against mutilating partial destruction of coins, and it will hereafter be impossible to imitate such a thing. It is not possible to imitate such a thing.

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A Speech, President, Instructive, and Entertaining.

Mr. Matthews said:

Standing at the dawn of a new century and a new era, looking back over the development of the past, we are astounded at the progress we have made.

New inventions and new discoveries in the sciences and arts have created new industries which in turn have called for a new and skilled class of workmen to operate them; new laws to govern them, preserve their rights and limit their powers.

Old industries have been enlarged and extended, which with the improvements in machinery and the addition of new inventions have in turn called for a different class of workmen, and thus in nearly every profession and calling new lines have been opened up calling for new branches which in turn have been developed into professions of themselves.

Conditions have thus forced the development of specialists in every line of this condition opens up a wider field for choice, it also demands a more discriminating judgment for making that choice and multiplies the danger of making a mistake.

It is a supreme duty that every youth owes to himself, and the most sacred trust committed to the parent to develop that choice of a life work that will develop the youth to his highest capacity, and to make of him what God and nature should have made of him.

It is an outrage against nature to make a poor doctor out of a good farmer, or a poor lawyer out of a good mechanic, or to place either in circumstances that all their powers, both natural and acquired, cannot be exercised to their fullest extent.

In our whole life no more important question can be brought before us for decision than the choice of our life work.

The prime object is of course success. The first essential of success is a loving and enthusiastic love for the work to be done. The youth's natural fitness for the work to be done.

Unless a man loves his work, he will never make a success, or perhaps abandon it. A man may be ever so conscientious in the discharge of his duty, but he will never attain the distinction he will if he loves his work, for there is a vast distinction between love and duty. Love is a queen, duty is a subject; love if the fruit, duty is the flower. Love makes assurance double sure, duty stops at well done.

Love courts information, garners knowledge and seizes opportunity. It never sleeps. No one will deny that a man should be fitted by nature for his work. Some people seem to be born for certain work, and I am almost forced to the conclusion that every one is born for some particular work.

Some will contend that it should be made at the earliest possible moment after the child is born, and before any of his powers are developed. In favor of this view, it can be said that the child's training can be adapted to suit his life work, and these powers developed and trained which will be brought into play in the chosen profession. By skillful training and manipulation of the child's mind can be molded and his desires directed toward the coveted goal; his love for it engendered and fostered. The foundation can thus be made to conform and support the super structure to be erected thereon, and a more complete and harmonious whole be achieved along these paths. The child's natural aptitude can form no part in making this decision. His disposition and temperament may wreck and ruin all his careful training, and the child himself cannot be consulted in the matter, for his judgment will not be mature enough.

But should it be left until after his education is completed? By this time all the natural powers of a child are developed and he can take part in the decision, and can choose what he most desires. But all who have seen the youth just out

of college with a diploma, have observed with what supreme wisdom he passes upon the most difficult and intricate problems, and the amount of knowledge he thinks he possesses, and will agree that this, of all periods, is the most dangerous in which the youth can make the decision.

It is too likely to have too high an opinion of his own powers, too wise to take advice, too apt to have a bias of his own, and will most likely adopt his profession as his own. And the consequence is that he adopts some profession for which he is unqualified, and without inquiring to the requirements and demands the duty of that office demands, hence he lingers along in it for a few years and abandons it for something else, and perhaps never settles down to any particular work for life, and people say his college education has ruined him. The trouble in this case is exactly opposite to that in the first. In the first the child had no part in the decision; in the second, the parent has had no say in the matter.

So it would seem that the best period would be to make the decision after the child has developed his natural powers and before he takes the big head, and this decision should be made by both the child and the parent.

But how are the parent and child to learn what the different professions and callings require? What does the farmer and the farmer's son know about the essential elements that go to make up the successful lawyer; or the lawyer and the lawyer's son know about what is necessary to make the successful farmer? They usually pick out the successful man in his profession or calling and from their opinion from the most prominent traits of his character, and yet the very traits which cause his success may be entirely overlooked, or not known at all by the parties who form the opinion; or again, the element which causes one man's success may not be essential at all, or his success may have been brought about by fortuitous circumstances, and the elements of the man's character may have had very little to do with it at all.

Should they then go into a thorough investigation of the requirements of every profession or calling? This would take a life-time of itself. Two methods of solving this perplexing question have suggested themselves. The first is, after the parent has made himself thoroughly acquainted with his child, his habits of thought, traits of character, temperament and disposition, as well as any natural predilection which the child may have, for any particular work, to select such profession or calling as he thinks would suit his son, and then make a rigid investigation of the requirements of that profession. If, after a thorough investigation of that profession, he found that it did not suit his son, he could take another, and so on until he found one that did suit his son.

The other method is for the son to adopt the calling of his father. Both are and are better acquainted with what the father's calling requires than the requirements of any other profession, and unless the child develops some strong predilection for some other work, the father's profession should be the son's. The father can then direct the son's education from his earliest years for manhood with this view, and teach him many little things about the profession not to be learned in books. He knows the difficulties in his own education, and can remedy them in his son's education and training. He can also develop his son along the lines for professional work in his profession, and this engendered and fostered that love and enthusiasm so essentially necessary for success in any profession or calling. Besides acquainting to his son all the proper paraphernalia with which to begin his life work, he leaves him a richer legacy in those traits of character and habits of thought acquired by many years of toil and training.

I am a firm believer in the theory that in the son descends in a more or less degree both the moral and mental trend and character which the sire possesses and which he has acquired, and those silent influences engendered by the sire will fall as a rich mantle upon the shoulders of the son. The early impressions will be continually recurring to his mind as he grows up, and the son will be long as a sainted picture in memory's hall, and the consummation of which will be a continual source of pleasure and profit.

I have nothing but the choice of a life-work for the ladies, for every all professions which are open to young men are open to the coming ladies, and the same principles apply to the one or the other. But their professional career is necessarily short in the history of life by their joining heart and hand with some youth who has adopted a different profession.

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EDITOR BIG STONE GAP POST:

I notice in the Post of the 16th an article from a writer at Whitesburg, Ky., giving an account of a "tragedy," as he calls it, that occurred at Stonegap. Now I think the all-wise Whitesburg writer is due the good people of Stonegap an apology. Of course, the police does not expect any, for he is not supposed to ever get anything of the kind extended him, much less a commendation for any thing he does or leaves undone, censure is all he is supposed to get or look for, but for the merit of the good people of Stonegap I think that article should be corrected, for as such a thing as the writer states ever occurred at this place since I have been here (24 years), and the police never had any occasion to kill any one, neither has he tried to do so, and he has so much confidence in the good people of Stonegap that he is not afraid to trust any of the citizens with a prisoner when taken in charge, or hoping you will correct the article referred to I am

Yours, etc.

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